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1. RETURNING TO VITRIOLIC ANTI-AMERICAN AND ANTI-WESTERN THEME HE HAS PURSUED FOR PAST TWO WEEKS, CHIEF EDITOR ELIAS KYROU IN AUGUST 2 "ELLINIKOS VORRAS" TAKES UP QUESTION POSED BY GOG FORMIN MAVROS UPON HIS RETURN FROM GENEVA AS TO NATO'S CAPABILITY TO PROTECT WESTERN WORLD FROM EXTERNAL MENACE IN VIEW ITS INABILITY PREVENT CYPRUS CLASH (ATHENS 5284). ANSWER, SAYS KYROU, IS THAT IT CAN'T, IT HAS NEITHER "INTENTION NOR POSSIBILITY". ITS LEADING POWER, UNITED STATES, OPERATES "TO PROTECT INTERESTS DICTATED BY MR. KISSINGER" WHOM PRES NIXON "BLINDLYobeys". US "ABANDONED NATIONALIST CHINA ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM MR. KISSINGER", LEFT VIETNAM "CORRUPTED POLITICALLY AND MILITARILY, TO BE TOTALLY OCCUPIED BY NORTH VIETNAM SOME DAY" AND DEVOTED ITS ENTIRE EFFORTS TO SAVING ISRAEL.

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2. FOLLOWING "NEW YALTA" AGREEMENT (ALLEGED US-USSR PACT

FOR CARVING OUT SPHERES OF INFLUENCE INITIALLY IN BALKANS AND EVENTUALLY THROUGHOUT EUROPE), WRITES KYROU, TIME FOR CYPRUS CAME, AND "TURKS WERE ENCOURAGED, HELPED AND ORDERED TO INVADE BY AMERICANS WITH RUSSIAN BLESSING". PLAN CALLED FOR MAKARIOS OUSTER AND OCCUPATION BY TURKS OF AT LEAST HALF OF ISLAND, HE CHARGES, WHILE US TOLD GREEKS "NOT TO MOVE OR SHE WOULD FACE EVIL CONSEQUENCES". THIS IS SITUATION OF NATO, ESTABLISHED BY AMERICANS AFTER "PAINFUL EXPERIENCE IN GREEK ADVENTURE" WHEN BLOC ATTEMPTED ENFOLD HER IN IRON CURTAIN. EDITORIAL CONCLUDES THAT MAVROS' OBSERVATION WAS APT, AND THAT HE MIGHT HAVE ADDED CYPRUS EVENTS HAVE "CAST SEED FOR FUTURE WAR".

3. IN COMPANION PIECE REFERRING TO REUTERS REPORT OF GREEK TROOPS STATIONED ON RHODES IN VIOLATION OF LAUSANNE ACCORD, SAME EDITOR REPEATS CHARGE THAT TURKISH 'VICTORY' ON CYPRUS ACHIEVED "THANKS TO AMERICANS, ENGLISHMEN, AND THE PERMISSION OF RUSSIA." TURKS WERE NOT ONLY ASSISTED BY "THEIR FRIENDS" WHILE GREECE WAS RESTRAINED, HE WRITES, BUT SAME FRIENDS TOLD TURKS "ARMISTICE WAS CONCLUDED SO YOU COULD FINISH JOB GIVEN TO YOU". KYROU ENDS WITH OFFER OF "TEN GOLD SOVEREIGNS TO ANYONE ABLE TO FIND ONE GREEK OUT OF A HUNDRED WHO IS NOT AN ENEMY OF AMERICANS AND ENGLISHMEN", WHO ARE "SOLEMNLY PROVED TO HAVE BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR APRIL 21, DECEMBER 13, NOVEMBER 25 AND JULY 20, 1974."

4. COMMENT: THESE ARE MOST RECENT OF SEVEN ARTICLES EDITOR HAS PUBLISHED IN PAST WEEK ON VARIOUS SUBJECTS RELATED TO CYPRUS CRISIS WHICH SCORE US, AND TO LESSER DEGREE UK, FOR GREECE'S PROBLEMS PRESENT AND PAST, GOING BACK IN ONE PIECE TO ALLEGED AMERICAN MISDEEDS DURING IZMIR EVACUATION OF 1922. ALTHOUGH ARTICLES WHOLLY IRRESPONSIBLE, AND SERVING MORE THE DIVISIVE AIMS OF COMMUNISTS, WHOM KYROU PROFESSES DESPISE, "BIG LIE" TECHNIQUE APPEARS TO BE WORKING, AS INCREASING NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN THIS AREA SEEM LEND CREDENCE TO PROPOSITION OF US RESPONSIBILITY, IN VARYING DEGREES, FOR GREECE'S PRESENT PREDICAMENT. RECENT CONTACTS INDICATE ANTI-AMERICAN FEELING ABROAD NOT ONLY IN MILITARY AND IN CONFIDENTIAL

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LESS AFFLUENT OR INFORMED CIRCLES, AS STATED REF (1), BUT ALSO SPREADING IN PROFESSIONAL AND BETTER OFF COMMERCIAL CLASSES. MILDEST CHARGE AND ONE MOST FREQUENTLY HEARD, EVEN AMONG THOSE WHO READILY ADMIT IOANNIDIS REGIME'S BLAME IN STARTING CONFLICT, IS THAT US DOING NOTHING TO PREVENT TURKS FROM CONTINUING CEASE-FIRE VIOLATIONS. CONGEN OFFICER JUST RETURNED FROM KAVALLA REPORTS ANTI-AMERICAN SENTIMENT LESS PREVALENT IN THAT AREA, WHERE PEOPLE

GENERALLY STILL DIRECTING MAJOR SHARE ANIMOSITY TOWARD
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